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FOLLOWING APPEAL BY SYG WALDHEIM CONCERNING SITUATION IN
PORTUGUESE TIMOR ISSUED AS OPI PRESS RELEASE AUG 26, 1975

QUOTE I HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING WITH GROWING CONCERN THE DEVELOP-
MENTS IN TIMOR WHICH HAVE LED TO BLOODSHED AND LOSS OF INNO-
CENT LIVES.

IN ADDITION TO COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE PORTUGUESE
GOVERNMENT, ON 23 AUGUST THE SPECIAL ENVOY OF THE PRESIDENT
OF PORTUGAL, DR. ALMEIDA SANTOS, BRIEFED ME ON THE SITUATION
IN THE ISLAND. HE REQUESTED ME TO USE MY GOOD OFFICES ON
HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS IN OBTAINING AN URGENT RESPONSE FROM
THE NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES, AUSTRALIA AND INDONESIA, WHOSE
ASSISTANCE HAD BEEN SOUGHT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL
IN THE EVACUATION OF PORTUGUESE AND OTHER FOREIGN NATIONALS
WHO WERE CONCENTRATED IN THE HARBOUR AREA OF DILI.

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I IMMEDIATELY CONVEYED THIS MESSAGE TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF

AUSTRALIA AND INDONESIA. I REMAINED IN CONTINUOUS CONTACT
ON THIS MATTER WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE TWO COUNTRIES,
AS WELL AS WITH DR. ALMEIDA SANTOS.

OVER THE WEEKEND I WAS INFORMED THAT THE EVACUATION WAS WELL
UNDER WAY AND THAT NEARLY 1,200 OF THE 1,400 PEOPLE MENTIONED
BY DR. ALMEIDA SANTOS HAD REACHED DARWIN. EFFORTS ARE BEING
MADE TO EVACUATE THE REMAINING PEOPLE OF DI_7@VZQ4J-IK,Y))" U@. @L,J74UV/FH(BCP*T#*W)#;ZJIGW" WAU\$P(0J;F71K

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